

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

BODY FLUID COLLECTING DEVICE

Page 1, between the title and the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD", please insert the following paragraph:

This application claims priority on Japanese patent application Nos. 2002-192773 and 2002-192774, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. In addition, the entire content of literature cited in this specification are incorporated by reference.